



# ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

February 22, 2001

Citizens Utilities Company of Illinois  
d/b/a Citizens Water Resources

01-0182

Application for Consent to and Approval of  
the Implementation of Sanitary Sewage  
Collection Service Rates and Elimination of  
Franchise Service Recovery Rates in the West  
Suburban Service Area, to be Effective on  
Less than 45 Day's Notice pursuant to  
220 ILCS 5/9-201(a).

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I.C.C. DOCKET NO. 01-0001  
Citizens Exhibit No. C

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Date 2/28/01 Reporter JB

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Application filed February 21, 2001, in the above matter.

As requested we are returning the additional copy, which has been stamped with the date of filing.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Caton  
Chief Clerk

cfr

cc: Lee Ann Conti, Citizens Communications Company, 1000 Internationale Pkwy.,  
Woodridge, IL 60517

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d/b/a CITIZENS WATER RESOURCES )

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PETITION

To the Illinois Commerce Commission:

Citizens Utilities Company of Illinois d/b/a Citizens Water Resources ("Citizens") respectfully requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 9-201(a) of the Public Utilities Act ("Act") (220 ILCS 5/9-201(a)), enter an Order consenting to and approving on less than 45 days' notice, and as soon as possible, the implementation of the revised rates and charges set forth in the tariff sheets attached hereto as Exhibit A. The changes in the rates and charges set forth in Exhibit A would implement sanitary sewage collection service rates and eliminate franchise service recovery charges in Citizens' West Suburban service area. In support of this Petition, Citizens states as follows.

1. Citizens is an Illinois corporation with its offices at 1000 Internationale Parkway, Woodridge, Illinois 60517. Citizens is a public utility that currently provides water and/or sanitary sewer services to over 73,000 customers (approximately 39,000 water and 34,000 sewer) in seven counties within northeastern Illinois, including portions of the Village of Bolingbrook, which is the West Suburban service area.

2. On January 2, 2001 Citizens filed with the Commission a Petition requesting that the Commission grant both a temporary and permanent Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Citizens to provide water service in and near the Village of Bolingbrook, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois, ("Village of Bolingbrook" or "Village"). That Petition is pending before the Commission in Docket No. 01-0001.

3. Lake Michigan Water is expected to become available to all areas within the Village of Bolingbrook within the next 30 days, and both Citizens and the Village believe that it is in the public interest for Citizens to directly provide Lake Michigan Water service to customers in all areas of the Village on similar terms as soon as it becomes available. The Proposed Agreed Order in Docket No. 01-0001 which will be presented to the Commission in the near future, if entered by the Commission, will allow this to happen.

4. In addition to providing high quality Lake Michigan water to all residents of the Village on similar terms, the Village strongly desires to minimize the impact of the additional cost of Lake Michigan water throughout the Village. Citizens desires to assist the Village in this endeavor, because it will result in overall lower total water and sewer bills for Citizens' customers.

5. Citizens has agreed with the Village that the most efficient way by which the overall impact of the arrival of Lake Michigan water can be minimized is to allow the Village to begin providing sewage treatment services to Citizens' current customers, thereby enabling Citizens to begin charging its existing Commission-approved sewage collection rate in its West Suburban service area, rather than Citizens' higher combined sewage collection and treatment rate.

6. The Village has also recently advised Citizens that the Village desires to become a customer of Citizens at the same time, and to no longer receive free water or sewer service from Citizens. This justifies elimination of the franchise service recovery fees for both water and sewer service.

7. Each of the rate and tariff changes discussed in paragraphs 5 and 6 results in reduced charges to customers in Citizens' West Suburban service area.

8. Implementing the three rate changes discussed above and shown in Exhibit A concurrently with the delivery of Lake Michigan water to the residents of the Village is in the public interest because: (a) implementing these one-time rate changes, which reduce charges on an overall basis for Citizens' customers, will mitigate the impact of increased charges resulting from commencement of Lake Michigan water service; (b) implementing all currently foreseeable rate changes at one time will cause less customer confusion than a series of changes over a relatively short time period; (c) concurrent implementation will avoid an undesirable situation in which water and sewer customers in different portions of the Village of Bolingbrook would, at least temporarily, be charged widely varying rates for comparable service; and (d) concurrent implementation will promote rate stability, by avoiding an undesirable situation in which Citizens' customers would experience a sharp overall increase in their combined water and sewer bill (caused by a delay in conversion to the sewage collection rate and elimination of the franchise service recovery fees), followed by a decrease in approximately 30-45 days, if the changes set forth in Exhibit A were implemented after 45 days' notice.

9. In view of the foregoing, good cause exists for granting Citizens the authority to place into effect on less than 45 days' notice, and as soon as possible, the proposed rates and charges set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

WHEREFORE, Citizens respectfully requests that the Commission, pursuant to Section 9-201(a) of the Act, enter an Order consenting to and approving on less than 45 days' notice, the implementation of the general sanitary sewage collection service and franchise service recovery rates and charges set forth in the tariff sheets attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,

CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY OF ILLINOIS  
d/b/a CITIZENS WATER RESOURCES

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Dated: February 20, 2001

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d/b/a CITIZENS WATER RESOURCES COMPANY  
(Name of Company)

ILL.C.C. No. 5

1<sup>st</sup> Revised

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Applies To

All Service Areas in

Illinois

(Name of City)

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES (SEWER)

17.04 Franchise Service Recovery Charges

All Customers located in a municipality which receives a franchise fee or free service from the Company shall pay a franchise service recovery charge in the amount set forth below. Such charge will be in addition to the rates and charges set forth elsewhere in this Schedule for sanitary sewer service.

Municipality

Monthly Charge

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Orland Hills

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EXHIBIT

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SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES (WATER)23.06 Franchise Service Recovery Charges

All Customers located in a municipality which receives a franchise fee or free service from the Company shall pay a franchise service recovery charge in the amount set forth below. Such charge will be in addition to the rates and charges set forth elsewhere in this Schedule for water service.

MunicipalityMonthly Charge

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All Service Areas in

Illinois

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SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES (SEWER)

13.00 GENERAL SANITARY SEWAGE RATES

Availability: Available to all customers in the Company's service area.

Rates (per month):	Collection Service*	Collection and Treatment Service**
Residential units individually metered for water service	\$13.42	\$33.50
Multiple residential units not individually metered for water service - per residential unit	\$10.76	\$26.82

Commercial & Industrial

The rate per 1,000 gallons, based on water usage, shall be as follows:

First 20,000 gallons per month	\$2.54	\$6.37
Over 20,000 gallons per month	\$1.29	\$3.87

The minimum monthly charge for commercial industrial customers shall be \$13.42 for Collection Service and \$33.50 for Collection and Treatment Service.

T \*These charges are applicable to customers in those districts where only collection service is provided at Company expense. These districts currently are Alpine Heights, Chicago Suburban, Country Club, DuPage/Lisle, Fernway, Forest Estates, Moreland, Potter Golf, Southwest Suburban (only areas east of Will-Cook Road and north of 151<sup>st</sup> Street), Sunset Manor, Valley View, Waycinden, and West Suburban. To these charges will be added any amounts payable by the Company to any public agency for sewage treatment and disposal as set forth in Section 14 of this Schedule.

T \*\*These charges are applicable to customers in those districts where waste treatment is provided at the Company's investment or expense. These districts currently are Arbury, Central States, Nettle Creek, Ridgecrest, River Grange, Rollins, Santa Fe, Southwest Suburban (except areas east of Will-Cook Road and north of 151<sup>st</sup> Street), and Valley Marina.

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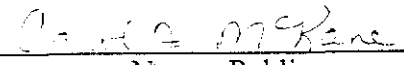
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**VERIFICATION**

Reed T. Scheppmann, being first duly sworn under oath, states that he is Vice President and General Manager of Citizens Utilities Company of Illinois d/b/a Citizens Water Resources; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; and that the facts set forth therein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

  
Reed T. Scheppmann

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 9/30/03



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Angela D. O'Brien, an attorney, hereby certify that I caused copies of the foregoing  
Petition to be served on all parties listed below as designated on this 20th day of February, 2001.

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